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NODIS CHEROKEE

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652 GDS

TAGS OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT DRAFT AGREEMENT

REF: SECTO 10102

1. I MET WITH FAHMY AT THE BEACH THIS MORNING TO GIVE HIM THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT WHICH HE HAD REQUESTED. IN DOING SO, I REMINDED HIM THAT YOU BE DISCUSSING THIS TEXT WITH THE ISRAELIS TODAY.

2. FAHMY GAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS STAFF TO TRANSLATE THE DRAFT INTO ARABIC IMMEDIATELY AND PREPARE IT IN PARALLEL ENGLISH AND ARABIC COLUMNS. HE WILL THEN SEND THE TEXTS TO THE PRESIDENT FOR HIS REVIEW. THE TEXTUAL CHANGE FAHMY REQUESTED IN ARTICLE VI, AT THE SUGGESTION OF ONE OF HIS STAFF, HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT IN ALEXANDRIA 81. UPON MY RETURN TO RAS EL TIN A FEW MINUTES AGO, ONE OF HIS STAFF AT FAHMY'S BEHEST, CALLED TO ASK THAT THE TITLE OF THE AGREEMENT BE CHANGED TO READ "AGREEMENT ON A SECOND DISENGAGEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL".

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3. FAHMY ALSO ASKED ME TO TELL YOU THAT THE PRESIDENT, AFTER HIS PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH YOU JUST BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE (WHICH FAHMY SAID HE ARRANGED), TALKED TO GAMASY TO POINT OUT TO THE LATTER THAT THE GENERAL COULD NOT HOPE TO GET ALL OF THE THINGS HE HAD ASKED FOR IN HIS SEVERAL POINTS ON LIMITATION OF FORCES. FAHMY DOES NOT KNOW GAMASY'S REACTION.

4. FAHMY MADE ON ADDITIONAL POINT. HE CONSIDERS IT A "MUST" THAT THE AGREEMENT BE FINISHED ON YOUR CURRENT TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST -- AT THE LATEST FRIDAY, SATURDAY OR SUNDAY. IF IT IS NOT FINISHED, HE URGES THAT YOU POSTPONE YOUR SPEECH TO THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA BY A FEW DAYS. HE CONTENDS THAT IF THE AGREEMENT IS NOT FINISHED AND YOU HAVE TO GO BACK FOR THE SPEECH, IT WILL BE AT LEAST A WEEK BEFORE YOU RETURN TO THE AREA. PSYCHOLOGICALLY AND POLITICALLY THE IMAGE OF SUCH A BREAK WILL BE BAD. THE ARAB WORLD, REGARDLESS OF WHAT REASONS ARE GIVEN, WILL SAY THE PRESENT EFFORT HAS AGAIN FAILED. THE ISRAELIS ON THEIR PART, WILL BRING NEW PRESSURES TO BEAR. FOR EGYPT, WHICH IS IN ANY CASE GOING TO HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME DEFENDING THE AGREEMENT, IT MAKES THAT TASK STILL HARDER.
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